

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 3, line 37, and ending on page 4, line 2 with the following amended paragraph.

In one embodiment, the first coating layer, which is comprised of a taste masking agent, substantially covers the core. Examples of suitable taste masking agents include, but are not limited to cellulose acetate, ethylcellulose, poly(ethyl acrylate, methyl methacrylate, trimethylammonioethyl methacrylate chloride), which is commercially available from Rohm Pharma under the tradename, "EUDRAGIT", hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, and mixtures thereof. In one embodiment, the first coating layer may be substantially free of plasticizers.